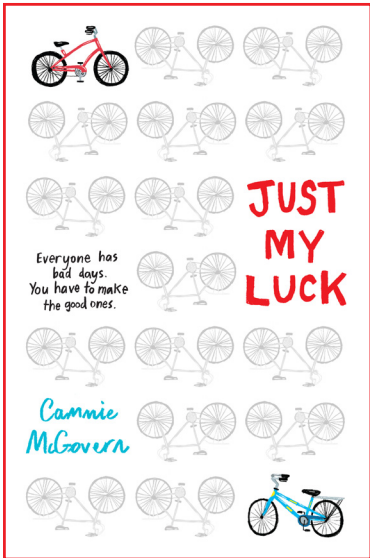


“ONE STEP AT A TIME”

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY



In acclaimed author Cammie McGovern’s heartwarming middle grade debut, Benny Barrows’s fourth grade class starts a program to reward small acts of kindness. Now you too can build a caring and kind community, one step at a time, using the footprint activity below!

DIRECTIONS: Cut out and tape together both sides of the footprint. Each time you or a student witnesses a good deed, write about it in the blank lines and post the footprint on a wall so that the kindness can be recognized!



Fourth grade is not going at all how Benny Barrows hoped. All he wants is a footprint with his name on it as part of a program at his school that rewards students for good deeds. But no matter how helpful Benny tries to be, no one seems to notice.

As Benny tries to make new friends and keep an eye on his brother, who is autistic, he learns that he doesn’t need any recognition. And he discovers that although unlucky things may happen, together with his family and friends he can get through anything.



Use this footprint to show someone in your life that you recognize their kindness.

Post your footprints on a wall to show what a caring community looks like, one step at a time.



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